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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE REQUEST: AFGHANISTAN RELIEF WEEK

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1. THE AMBASSADOR RECEIVED A LETTER JUNE 5 FROM THE AFGHANISTAN RELIEF COMMITTEE, SUITE 4100, 345 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK 01054 (CHAIRIED BY LOWELL THOMAS, WILLIAM SIMON, AND JAMES MICHENER) REQUESTING THE AMBASSADOR'S SUPPORT AND MEMBERSHIP IN THEIR SPONSOR'S COMMITTEE. DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE REQUESTED. THE TEXT OF THE LETTER FOLLOWS:

2. DEAR AMBASSADOR: A JOINT RESOLUTION HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE DECLARING THE WEEK OF JULY 21-27 AS AFGHANISTAN RELIEF WEEK. THE GOVERNORS OF COLORADO, DELAWARE, ILLINOIS, NORTH DAKOTA, PENNSYLVANIA, AND VIRGINIA AS WELL AS THE MAYORS OF HONOLULU, LOS ANGELES, MILWAUKEE, NEW YORK AND SAN JOSE, TO NAME JUST A FEW, HAVE APPROVED THE WEEK. THE WEEK COINCIDES WITH THE MOSCOW OLYMPICS, WHICH COMMENCES ON JULY 19. DURING THE WEEK WE PLAN TO PUBLICIZE THE PLIGHT OF THE ALMOST ONE MILLION AFGHAN REFUGEES WHO NEED EVERYTHING, FOOD, CLOTHING, AND MEDICINE, AND TO RAISE SOME OF THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO SUPPORT THEM. WOULD YOU PLEASE LET THE LOCAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY KNOW OF THIS WEEK AND ENCOURAGE THE LOCAL MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CLUB, THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS TO SPONSOR PER-PLATE LUNCHEONS AND DINNERS, AND OTHER EVENTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE AFGHAN REFUGEES DURING THIS WEEK. THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE EVENTS

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SHOWS, AND BASEBALL GAMES. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN IN OUR EFFORTS. ALSO WED BE VERY HONORED IF YOU BECOME MEMBER OF OUR SPONSORS COMMITTEE. IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, YOU CAN REACH ME DIRECTLY AT (212) 403-1000 OR (212) 595-0229 (HOME). VERY TRULY YOURS, JENIK RADON, MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

3. PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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